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AT THE CLOSE OF THE DAY

By Hazel Redmond

Twilight falls across the hills,
Everything seems quiet and still;
The evening sun is sinking low,
And homeward from work I go.

Twilight falls across the hills,
An evening star begins to shine;
O'er the rocks and rills,
I hear voices like kindred minds.

Twilight falls across the hills,
A holy hush has settled ills:
Lo! I hear the Master call,
"Follow me; you will not fall."

Twilight falls across the hills,
With peace my hungry soul He fills;
When I kneel in prayer
I find for me He doth care!

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20 1 TIM. 3:15

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God . . . Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you," 1 Peter 5:6, 7.

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Notices

Anyone having a son in Service at Camp VanDorn, Miss., who would like for me to visit him, write me.—Rev. C. W. Kendall, pastor, 910 N. Union St., Natchez, Miss.

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I am in evangelistic work this year and may be contacted at 19 14th St., Bristol, Tenn.—Rev. Ed Johnson.

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Rev. W. M. Fleeman, former pastor of West Virginia, is open for evangelistic calls. You may contact him at Box 386, Ronceverte, W. Va.

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To whom it may concern: I am evangelizing this year. If you wish to contact me, write me at R. F. D. 1, Box 320, Concord, N. C.—Floyd A. Boger.

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I am in the evangelistic work this year and will go anywhere anyone desires my service. You may write me at 598 Cannon St., Westminster, S. C. Please remember us in your prayers that we will be a blessing this Assembly year.—W. F. Patterson.

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I am engaging in evangelistic work this year. Anyone wishing my service may contact me at the following address.—Norman Cunningham, 51 N. Crowell St., Concord, N. C.

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Change of Address

W. H. Compton, district overseer—Delbarton, W. Va., Box 64.

J. D. Bright, overseer of California—Gen. Del., Sacramento, Calif.

Rev. W. M. and Helen L. Morrow—Box 230, Tucapau, S. C.

As I am now pastoring South Cleveland Church of God, my address has been changed from Sylacauga, Ala., to Box 754, Cleveland, Tenn.—J. A. Bixler.

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Florida Ministers' Meeting

Due to a number of changes being made, the North Florida camp meeting will be postponed until a later date.

The state ministers' meeting will be held at the Tampa church October 3-4, opening service 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, Oct. 3.—W. E. Johnson, state overseer.

Joy in Seeing Souls Saved

FT. OGDEN, Fla.—I praise the Lord for His many blessings to us, and for the call He has laid on our hearts to help lost and dying humanity. God dealt with husband and me several years to get out on the field and tell the good news to the lost world. We decided to give up pastoral work and obey God. Since that time He has been so real, so near, and so dear to us. We must work hard, for the time is soon coming when we will not have the opportunity of going into all the world and preaching the gospel.

We are now in Ft. Ogden, Fla., in an old-time tent revival. We are having cottage prayer meetings in the homes during the day and at night people hit the old sawdust trail and fill the altar with hungry seekers. This is a new field, but God is here.

There is more joy in seeing souls come to Christ than anything I know. So friends, wherever you are, if you feel the call of God, don't question the financial side, swing out on God's promise, He will take care of you.

Jesus told His disciples the harvest is white and laborers are few. God, give us men and women with a vision for lost souls instead of dollars. God bless every reader. Please pray that God will have His way in our lives and make us a greater blessing for Him and His cause. We will be glad to hear from anyone wishing to write us.—Mrs. Carl White.

If anyone would like to have me for a meeting, I will come to them, any place or state, and do all I can to nelp them build up their work.—R. H. Tadlock, 916 Mary St., Evansville, Ind.

Notice

All State Overseers and State Y.P.E. and Sunday School Superintendents are requested to send their addresses to the office of the General Overseer immediately, in order that proper report books and other material may be forwarded.

John C. Jernigan,
General Overseer.

Evangel Premium Offer

Through the year of 1944 the Evangel subscription list averaged about 50 per cent of the membership of the entire Church in the United States. Several states have set their Evangel drives this year at 50 per cent of the membership of the state, some even above this number. Since the average has been so far above the formerly required 33 per cent of the membership, we think we should set the requirements up where the workers are living. To the state in Group "A," consisting of states having a membership of 3,000 or more, we offer $100 as a cash premium for having the largest number of yearly subscribers above 50 per cent of the membership of the state as of July 31, 1945.

Group "B" will consist of states having a membership of 1,000 to 3,000. To the state in this group securing the largest number of yearly subscriptions during the Assembly year, above 50 per cent of the membership of the state, we will also give $100 cash as a premium.

Group "C" will consist of states having a membership of 1,000 or less. Division No. 1 will consist of states having a membership of 500 to 1,000 members. To the state in this division having the largest number of yearly subscriptions to the Evangel for the Assembly year, we will give a cash premium of $50. Division No. 2 will consist of states having a membership of 1 to 100, 101 to 200, 201 to 300, 301 to 400, 401 to 500, and to each of the states within these brackets having the largest number of subscribers above 50 per cent of the membership, we will give $10 cash premium.

The Youth of Today: The Men of Tomorrow

EVELYN L. FOREMAN

We are girls and boys today, enjoying the youthful part of our lives, but tomorrow everything will be different.

As we, the youth of today, glance out into the future, no doubt there are many such statements: "Oh, how can I expect a bright future," "Surely my future will be wrecked, due to this great war." Indeed! as we glance out into this dark and gloomy world and realize such a terrible conflict is taking place, it probably gives many of our boys and girls the idea to say, "I surrender"; but wait just a moment, young boy or girl, before you take this vow in life. I agree that this is an awful day in which we are living. It seems hard for us, but it is only the fulfilling of the Holy Word of God. Before giving up, friend, have you ever stopped to think, that we are the men and women of tomorrow? We are the ones to reconstruct this country after the war, should this world stand. We are the ones to fill the church offices, etc. Surely we shall have a future, if we will have faith in God for our guidance. Just remember many years ago when the hardy pioneers had to tread through the dark forests; but they did not grow discouraged, they dreamed in their minds that some day these uncivilized places would become settlements, and sure enough their dreams became real visions.

Let us not grow discouraged, weary one. Let's brighten up our youthful faces, look into the future the right way. Let us possess courage, righteousness, faith, and let us look forward for the Supreme Power to guide our lives.

Each of us has a building block to the future. Each of us has something to do for God. Let's ask Him to guide and direct our lives.

You may say, "But I am a Service man, please show me where my future is." Dear one, have faith; you have a future the same as we back home have. Though the time seems terrible with you, and though you may fear death on the battlefield, get right with God and everything will be different. If death should call any of us away, let's be prepared for the eternal future. This indeed is a thing that the devil cannot beat us out of. Dear Service boy, your future, as well as mine, is in the hands of God! God knows best.

Though we are living in a perilous day and it seems as though the coming of the Lord is drawing near, let us BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, be prepared to meet our Savior. Yet if Christ should tarry a few days longer, let us be prepared to make this life worthwhile on earth. Let us sow useful seed.

It is precious indeed to know the great blessings of our Redeemer in our youth! In Eccl. 12:1 we find the scripture, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Our youthful lives today shall influence our adult lives of tomorrow.

As we picture so many men and women today who have spent their lives for the devil, it should give us a stronger determination to live for Christ.

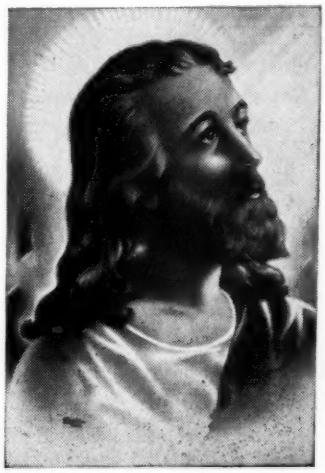
Tomorrow we shall be responsible for what The Church of God is. We hear so many people say, "The Church of God will not be tomorrow what it is today," but, dear friends, let us hold God's standard up and prove to this world that it is the same Church of God!

We may not think that we can ever fill the place in the Church that Brother Walker, Sister Harrison, Brother Clark, and many other loyal Church workers fill, but by God's help we can. Have we ever stopped to think just how they happened to be serving God's will as they are? Simply by living for Christ, HAVING a future and filling their place in the Church. Don't you imagine when these dear ones slip away from this old world, leaving footprints on the sands of time, as they press their dying pillows, I'm sure they will hope for the consolation of "someone" to take their place.

Surely, we must OBEY the call of Christ, live consecrated lives and fill our places as men and women in the future, tomorrow. Then when we come to the end of the way, what a "blessed hope" to have the assurance of an ETERNAL FUTURE!

God bless you every one and may your future be bright.

Those who fellowship the suffering of Christ and rejoice in tribulation can sing with the Spirit and with the understanding also, "I will go where you want me to go, dear Lord, I will do what you want me to do. I will say what you want me to say, dear Lord, I'll be what you want me to be."



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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Norway's Clergy Exiled

A report coming through RNS, out of Stockholm, states that fifteen per cent of Norway's clergy have been arrested or banished since the occupation.

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Russian Theological Institute

A report by RNS comes from Moscow to the effect that "some one hundred students" from all parts of Russia will enroll in the newly-created theological institute to begin training for the Russian Orthodox Church.

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Remember

Do you remember some two decades ago, when Mussolini was shaking his fist under the nose of Almighty God and swearing by Rome, the Eternal City? Time has proven that such men as Mussolini are as the "chaff which the wind driveth away," and that Rome is neither eternal nor holy.

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Russians Charge German Cruelties

Witnesses reporting on German atrocities in occupied Russia, stated that, in the village of Ustovo, near Odessa, the Germans killed five hundred old men, women, and children, including a seventy-year-old cleric and his wife. It is a terrible thing for Germans to do this, but Russia specialized in this kind of religious persecution for many years.

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Rules Against Divine Healing

Reported from Madison, Wis., by RNS was the news that Attorney General John E. Martin had ruled that "Indigents who petition municipalities for medical care are not entitled under state law to the services of Christian Science practitioners, or mental or spiritual healers." Such a ruling affects the right of the individual to exercise his Christian liberty, his faith in his God, and his right of divine worship.

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Russian Religious Activity

Time, August 28, reported that Stalin created last month the Council of Religious Affairs, the prime concern of which is to deal with petitions for the building of churches, which is not often turned down. It also arranges for permission and materials for church repair, gets priests released from Army service, and gets printing presses for religious publications. Very well, we will see if this is the real thing in Russia after the war. Let us hope it is.

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Drought and Liquor

Despite the great cut of American production of breadstuffs, particularly corn, due to drought, according to an address made by Congressmen Joseph R. Bryson and Edward R. Rees before Congress recently, in protest of an order of War Production Board that the nation's distilleries be released from war production so that they could make between fifty and sixty million gallons of whiskey or gin, it remains that apparently our Government will give the go-ahead signal for the manufacture of this debauching slop.

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Tito and Mihalovich

Mihalovich and the Chetnick patriots warred against the Nazis to save their country and the Church. It was then that the Communist elements, under Tito, also made war, but particularly against the stalwart Mihalovich, accusing him and his guerrillas of being pro-Nazi because they wouldn't be pro-Communist. At present it seems that Tito will win, with the Allies' support, but with his victory the Church of Yugoslavia must suffer apparent defeat.

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Antichrist in the Distance

The Arab Party in Palestine, according to *Prophecy*, has received a message from President Roosevelt that the "status of Palestine" will not be settled by Britain alone but by the United Nations as a whole. The Arab Party is reported to have made an appeal to Mr. Roosevelt by Lowell C. Pinkerton, American Consul General in Jerusalem. On the other hand, *Prophecy* also reports that Russia has opened a consulate in Jerusalem. This action bears evidence of a strengthening of ties between the Jews of Palestine and the Jews of Russia, and from which may come the long-heralded "profane prince of Israel." With the Russian might now becoming interested in Palestine, things may happen fast.

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Criminals

J. Edgar Hoover warned that our nation is "headed for doom unless it gives its youth better moral training." That is why your church and Sunday School need to reach out for the young people of your community. Judge Norris C. Makke, head of the Salvation Army in Denver, said, "We are supporting an internal army of 4,000,000 criminals, the Supreme Court Justice told 1,000 assembled church leaders." They prey upon society, but society itself has produced them through failure in moral training and in cultivating religious motives. Our total crime bill is about six times the total of our entire cost of public schools.

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A Tragic Conspiracy

is in process, at the instigation of modernistic preachers and those who dare to oppose the truth of the gospel, to get all paid gospel broadcasts removed from the radio, under the guise that they are a "racket." This may be true in some cases; few, however, are such cases. Many are those godly pastors and ministers who sacrifice for their broadcasts, to get the gospel into homes where the occupants do not go to church. This is another stroke of anti-Christian influences in America, at the gospel of Jesus Christ. A few more years of these anti-Christian policies and we will have lost all that for which our Pilgrim fathers suffered.

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Another Great Assembly

By E. L. Simmons

As the Jews of old looked forward to the new year, as the Anglos and Saxons looked forward to the festival of spring, and as many children in countries all over the world look forward to Christmas, the members of the Church of God look forward to the convening of its Annual Assembly. And this is not without reason for each of those past have very pleasant memories, memories of the meeting of friends and loved ones, memories of fellowship, memories of great messages that lingered for months in the mind and finally became a part of the woof and warp of the laity and ministry of the Church.

But the 39th Annual Assembly here at Columbus, Ohio, was something different from any of its predecessors. To be sure, the crowd was not the largest. Its sessions were not dominated with fanfare and showmanship, nor was there evidence of self-reliance and self-righteousness. The outstanding characteristics were fellowship in devotion and fellowship in service. On the whole it was a portrayal of "The Church of God at work."

For weeks prior to the gathering at Columbus, different committees had been working on suggestions to present to the Assembly for a better organic structure that would better conserve the work of the organization as well as to provide for the great expansion foreseen by its loyal and faithful workers. These committees were soon merged into the supreme council, who, with the same objective, labored in harmony to bring about the framework of a bigger and better order.

Many of the suggestions which came from the supreme council had their origin on the evangelistic field, or in the pastor's study, and were sent in to the council for consideration. After careful and prayerful study they were passed on to the council in Columbus where the bishops assembled four days before the General Assembly convened.

A greater Bishops' Council has never been attended by the writer. The Spirit of God was ever present to keep the hearts of the speakers warm with love and devotion, and yet courageous and firm in their search for and setting forth of the truth of God's Word as they saw it. The final decisions were made with such harmony that all could feel satisfied to say, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us."

The Assembly convened at the Memorial Hall, and from the very beginning the Lord gave us favor with the City of Columbus and with the State of Ohio. The opening service was addressed by Mayor Rhodes, who made his welcome very impressive. In his message he touched on juvenile delinquency and solicited the help of the Church in curbing this great evil which leaves its effects so strongly imprinted in future generations. The Chaplain of the Ohio State Senate also gave a very interesting address, paying tribute to the Church of God and the work that it was doing. The convention was also addressed by the Honorable John W. Bricker, Governor of Ohio. He, too, after paying tribute to the Church of God and the work that it was doing, asked the help of the Church in curbing juvenile delinquency. The entire Assembly was elated over his appearance and his timely address.

The keynote address of the General Assembly was given by A. V. Beaube, overseer of the State of Georgia. He gave figures to show what the Assembly cost, and gave this cost as one of the reasons why we should not use the time lightly but in real service for the Master.

The Rev. Synan, Assistant General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, was on the program and preached a very timely and inspiring message. At several times during the message the entire congregation were on their feet praising the Lord. These sermons by the visits from Interpentecostal groups are having a great weight in bringing a closer fellowship among the Pentecostal churches. And it is to be hoped that there will be more of it and a working agreement and fellowship may result.

Though removed far from its usual Southern setting, the music and singing of the Assembly was not lacking. The good spiritual songs fairly rolled from a congregation whose hearts were full of the praises they sang. They proved that congregational singing was not out of date as they were led by the able choral director, Whitt Denson. Brother Denson has directed class and choir singing for many years and can possibly get more singing out of an Assembly than any other director we have had. The special singing was also up to par. Prof. Otis L. McCoy was able to sway the crowd with "When God Dipped His Love in My Heart" and other heart-touching numbers which were delivered in his very unique but impressive style. The Bible School Trio, whose work in the New England States has been a great blessing during the summer, was present and right in their place through the entire Assembly. Their singing was a great blessing to all who listened. The Kannapolis Quartet, the clear ringing voice of James McCoy, the golden voice of Conner Hall, and the deep bass of Bentley Robinson, were all very enjoyable. Yes, the singing will also linger long in the hearts of those who attended this great Assembly, and the echoes of its melody will continue to float through the hall of its memories.

For many of us the Assembly meant a change in field of labor, new churches, new states, and new territories, but on the whole I don't think I ever saw people happier over their work than this year. The selection of a larger number of Assistants to represent the office of the General Overseer in six different divisions of the United States and Canada, left a large number of openings in the states to be filled. These were filled in a way that seemed to be satisfactory to all concerned and as the appointments were read out a kind of satisfaction seemed to settle over the entire assemblage. All seemed to think of "working together with God" and for His Church.

The Assembly closed with handshakes and good-byes, separating but looking for the next Assembly to be held one year hence.

Those of the North expressed satisfaction and their hope that we would have the Assembly in the North again next year, and preferably Columbus.

The person who walks over the advice of brethren is treading on dangerous ground and is not far from his spiritual grave.

Taking the Last Step

1 Sam. 20:3, *"Truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death."*

More than thirty years ago C. A. Duncan, of Batesburg, S. C., had his coffin built from a choice pine log, dug his grave, cemented it and erected a tombstone reading: "You never can tell when your time will come."

Mr. Duncan was exactly right. We don't know when our time is coming but when it does, one step and we are gone. He prepared so far as the coffin, grave, and tombstone were concerned, but, my dear friend, young and old, rich and poor, regardless of race, there is more to be considered about taking the last step than these three things.

Too many, I fear, are like the wealthy old man who went to the pastor and secured his help in locating a burying lot. After it was located he said, "Now, I thank you. This is where I'll soon be resting." The minister asked, "But have you found a place for your soul to rest?" "No." Then, taking him by the arm, "Come in the chapel and find rest for your soul." He did.

This brings us to the first article division of this tract which is "Last Step Taken Wrong."

AMBITION motivated a young man to leave his righteous uncle. He aspired to be wealthy but he took the step that led him from God and the sacred altar to the well-watered plains of Jordan where the sun shone first on its circuit from the east. That sounds wonderful and appears to be a good choice. But, no! Never is a choice good that disregards the welfare of others and thinks of self only. And that's the kind of choice Lot made. He thought only of himself and was willing for Abraham, his family, servants, and herds to starve to death. No surprise that he landed in Sodom, a town whose wickedness so angered God that He destroyed it by fire. Even though the prayers of his uncle saved him from the fire (Gen. 19), he was never associated with Abraham, the righteous, any more.

INGRATITUDE. Absalom was a very handsome young son of King David. His father was good to him and trusted him in many governmental matters but he proved a traitor, became an insurrectionist and tried to dethrone his father. As a result he hung by his long, glorious hair until Joab found him and killed him. (2 Sam. 18:10, 14.) If you want to take your last step in a tragic, humiliating, and disgraceful manner, mistreat your parents, especially those who are Christians and God-fearing. Remember, young people, the first commandment with promise is to "obey your parents."

HATRED. There are plenty of criminals behind the bars, and some of them awaiting the day of execution, just because their associate companions infuriated them about something and they took their lives. Words, distorted love, disappointed friendship, mistrust, jealousy, envy, disloyalty in domestic life, are responsible for some of the most tragic last steps. Cain killed his brother because he was jealous.

DISRESPECT FOR GOD. Cain went out from God's presence and I never heard of him returning. A young man in a revival service being conducted in Columbia, S. C., was enraged by an invitation to the altar by the evangelist, and said, "I'll never come back to this *damn place* any more." He did not. The pastor of that church, a few weeks after that statement was made, conducted his funeral.

The rich young ruler (Matt. 19) came to Jesus, and said, "Good Master, what good thing can I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Jesus told him, but he turned away and went from Jesus and eternal life, never to be heard of again.

BACKSLIDER. Disobedience has brought you to where you are, backslider. Perhaps it was more the sin of omission, just failing to do what you knew you should have done, that has your heart burdened and your life almost in despair of hope. But now, it is the sin of commission that is so terrible. In other words, you, by staying away from church, Sunday School, and preaching services, and refusing to go back to the Lord, are committing a deliberate sin against your family, your community, the church you left, yourself, and God. Remember it was Saul's sins of disobedience that caused him to lose the kingdom. *Your sins caused you to be out* of the *Church* or *kingdom* of *heaven*. No matter how much *you* lay the responsibility on someone else, *you* are the responsible one. *You* took the first and last step from God. If *you* get back *you'll* take the *first step back to Him*.

An appeal is made to you in Matt. 11:28 in these words: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And Isaiah, 55:6, says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." And Mal. 3:7, "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts."

Keep this text ever before you, "There is but a step between me and death," and the following seven steps as a danger signal: The first step *toward* dishonor is the first theft; humiliation, the first deception; failure, the first drink; disaster, the first hypocrisy; hell, to withdraw into one's self; wretchedness, the first selfishness; unhappiness, the first fear.

My dear friend and *wandering soul, don't* do like *Saul* who, *just* before taking his *last step, went* to the *witch. Go to the Lord Jesus*. 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Your last step will land you in one or the other of these two places; Hell. Psa. 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Heaven. John 14:3, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I *am, there ye may be also*."

Taking the Last Step Right.

A *wise man knows* that the *first step* in the *right direction is God*. God is his very life. In fact, Gen. 1:1, "In the beginning God," and Eccl. 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them," these go hand in hand.

No one is ready to make any lap of this life's journey until he is actually prepared for the last step or end. Abraham really wasn't getting anywhere until he started toward the land that God eventually showed him. *On the journey he had God. When he arrived he had God, and so long as he lived he was God's friend*, and, of course, *God was his friend*. If God is your friend and you're a friend to God,

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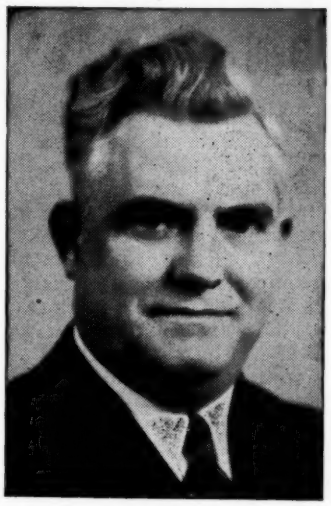

you are ready to live or die.

There are two phases of life. The first is mortal life which comes through the natural birth, St. John 3:6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." The second is immortal life and it comes through the new birth. St. John 3:3, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 1 Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." The first you and I had nothing to do with. The second we have. The first is a presentation to our family in this world. The second, a presentation to the Christian family in the kingdom of heaven.

Here are the steps to the kingdom:

1. Be convinced. St. John 3:1, "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night." Acts 9:6, "He trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"—

2. Be convicted. Acts 2:37, "When they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

3. Call upon God. Rom. 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

4. Confess. Rom. 10:9, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

5. Repent with godly sorrow. Acts 2:38, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

6. Believe. Rom. 10:11, 12, "Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him."

7. The New Birth. St. John 1:13, "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." 2 Cor. 5:17, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 1 John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

Now you have taken the step that has put you out of the world (John 17:16) so far as being sinful, and at the same time landed you into the kingdom of heaven.

Don't think of this thing of repentance as a light matter. Pledges, card-signing, church-joining, tithe-paying, church-attending are all good but you can do all of these without really having repented and being born again. You must confess, repent, forsake, make restitution or stay out of the kingdom. St. John 3:7, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." Luke 13:3, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."

The following *endings* are characteristic of every Christian's last step: Balaam said, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his," Numbers 23:10. David said, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace," Psa. 37:37. Jesus said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die," John 11:26. Paul said, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing," 2 Timothy 4:6-8. The Holy Spirit said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them," Rev. 14:13.

Your appointment is coming—perhaps around the corner, one mile down the road in your car, on the train, airplane, bus, ship; while you are eating, sleeping, or sitting with your family. You may linger in sickness for weeks and you may not have time to give one parting word when you take the very last step. If not, what about it?

With the request that you seek, find and keep my Saviour with you, I give you the following scriptures and say, "Watch your *step*." 1 Sam. 20:3, "Truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death." Psa. 37:23, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way." Rom. 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Heb. 9:27, "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after that the judgment." John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Where are your steps taking you?

Error may be presented in such a way as to look like truth at first sight, but upon close inspection it has no resemblance. Therefore, it pays to examine any and all things before swallowing them.

SPECIAL NOTICE

At the General Assembly I announced the sale of the book, "Can We Preserve Our American System in a Postwar World." In a few minutes the 100 copies we had there were sold. I have 225 copies left to mail out at 50c per copy; 101 pages, regularly priced at 75c. I tell you this book should be in every American home before you face the issue of "What Will America Do With Christ at the Polls" this fall. You ministers need the information this book contains. Order today.

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GOD SAID GO . . . BUT . . . !

The story and truthfulness of Jonah and his adventure with the whale (the Bible does not use this word but rather a big fish) is to many a myth. It is purely legendary and may have a lesson but it did not actually happen, say the modernists. But to every genuine, born-again, Spirit-filled child of God such is indeed not so. Every true Christian can place utmost faith in the veracity of this story of Jonah. To do so is by the highest court, where all mist and fog is cleared away, and that court is "The Lord Jesus Christ" who puts the approval on the authenticity of the book and happenings of Jonah. If Jesus believed that Jonah had this experience, it cannot be questioned for a moment. He is the Light and in Him there is no darkness at all, for was He not the Almighty God manifest in the flesh, spokesman and declaration of God to all mankind? He is the WAY, the TRUTH, and in Him is no lie. The world clings to too many fables as it is, pinning their faith to beliefs of men which are carrying them to swift destruction and perdition.

Notice first, Jonah is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection, Matt. 12:40, for the Lord Jesus Himself refers to this disobedient prophet's experience as being the sign and only sign given that wicked and adulterous generation. Matthew 17.

Then notice also, Jonah is figurative of the Jews who will witness to Gentile nations during the tribulation period. One man, Judas, sold the Lord for thirty pieces of silver and yet God refers to this as though "they," the Jews, sold Him.

Further notice, that he could easily be a picture of every "Jonah" (backslider) who goes to Joppa (pleasant world) and has this fish (seminary) experience before he learns it is better to obey than to disobey.

In this threefold aspect we will deal with the story of Jonah. To do the will of God at all times commands and demands full renunciation of SELF. Herein lies the hindrance to many to follow the Lord. It is either all or none. God takes no half-measure dedication. Truly it is a heavy duty in consecration wholly but the compensation is immeasurable, here and hereafter.

The first word of the Lord to Jonah was "arise." Shall not we take this for today and arise from our complacency of too busy with the cares of this world, and leap to service for the Lord? Then God said, "Go," and even this might not have been so bad for Jonah, but then came the word "Nineveh" and that was not so pleasant. Joppa sounded much better. Nineveh was a flourishing Gentile center and thus any Jew was not willing to take the message of judgment there. We will so often consider any place but the place the Lord God calls.

God sees evil in large places as well as small places. But one thing we see here, that God's judgments never come without warning before the execution of His wrath. Even when the devil comes down (Revelation 12) the "woe, woe, woe" falls upon the ears of the earth people that they might know what to expect. But . . . Jonah rose up to flee. What a roundabout way he took before he finally reached Nineveh! What a peculiar experience! What a horrible place, yet God kept him alive in the belly of hell. Yes, so many professing folk today will evade the route set out by the Lord and try detours, but God in His plan will preserve even in this in order to see His final plan fulfilled.

God said, "Arise," but Jonah fled! God said "walk" but Jonah sailed. God said "west" but Jonah went east. Jonah was safer, so he found later, on the streets of Nineveh than he was on board the ship going to Tarshish. And is it not true that God cares for His own in the camp of the enemy if sent there by Him?

The Scripture says, "But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea and there was a mighty tempest so that the ship was about to be broken." God does not care a "whit" for a broken ship. It means nothing to Him, but He has to break the ship in order to break our wills. May it be thus today. He broke the vessel Jeremiah saw and made a new one. God gave His best in Christ for us, and He wants the best in return. God can bring us safely home even though the masts are torn and the ship is wrecked. He did it for Paul and some two hundred seventy-six souls with him. Acts 27.

The mariners on the ship that Jonah took were used to storms. It was their common experience. Probably this storm was very destructive and fear fell upon them. There was a reason for it, however. It did not "just happen." Things in God's plan never just happen, they are divinely ordered. Every one of the mariners became panic-stricken. The boat was a scene of consternation. One of them went down into the hold of the ship and to his surprise he found a sleeping Hebrew unawakened by the storm and terror of his fellow creatures. None of these knew God but were idol worshippers. There was only one man on that boat who held the key to the situation and only one who could silence the situation. Is not this typical of Him who looked upon the rolling sea of human lives and took the plunge into its depths to rescue us from the jaws of eternal death? Could not He say, in the language of Jonah, "All thy billows and waves swept over me"?

Jonah is hardly awake till he is asked questions. Outside is the roar of the tempest-tossed sea. No minute is to be lost for every minute spells danger and a watery grave. Down in Jonah's heart is a feeling of guilt and consciousness of disobedience and he knows that God is in the storm to remind him of his position. They get one confession from him. He says, "I am an Hebrew, one of Jehovah's people. I cannot hide it." (Remember Paul's cry on the castle stairs, "I am verily a man that am a Jew.") This is not all that Jonah said either. Not only that he was a Hebrew, but that he feared Jehovah that made the sea and the dry land.

Note what followed his confession. "Then were the men exceedingly afraid and said, Why have ye done this?" Even they saw that Jonah had dealings with the most high God. Nations are bound some day to acknowledge that God's hand is upon the Jew. He is God's time clock and barometer of events, if you please. Now, as Jonah held the key here so the Jew today holds a big key, especially that he controls the world's wealth. As one great Jew said, "Let me control the wealth, and I care not who makes the laws."

By Merrill H. Eve

While Joseph was in the dungeon of Egypt, God was preparing a throne for him. To Jacob he was dead, he never expected to see him again. To the mariners Jonah was dead. They had thrown him overboard at his own request. They saw the billows swallow him up. The storm became calm. Our Lord was swallowed up by the billows of God and earth closed her bars about Him. Peace came to human hearts through Him. But He died and the world witnessed it. The spices were brought to embalm His lifeless body. His friends went home sorrowful. Their only hope was gone. Soldiers guarded the sealed tomb. Hades held a strange prisoner. But lo! the third day He arose and led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. As Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days and three nights, so was the Son of man three days and three nights in the earth. This one sign of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ was given by Himself through the sign of the prophet Jonah.

God not only sent the storm but He prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. He was ready for the emergency as Jonah made the plunge into the roaring waters. To doubt the veracity of this story is to doubt Jesus. "Then Jonah prayed." When he was on the ship everybody was praying but him and now he was alone where God could talk to him. Saul of Tarsus, the most bigoted of all Pharisees, certainly prayed before his conversion. But after the Damascus road incident, it is said of him, "Behold, he prayeth." God knows when real prayer is made!

Some things are only made real by experience. The chastening of God sometimes cures us of running away from God. God certainly cured the Jews of their idolatry. They were carried into captivity and have never since been idol worshippers. The Jewish disciples would not have dared to worship Christ as a man if they had not been sure of His deity. In the end time the Jews will witness to the Gentile nations. They will recognize the One whom they have pierced and proclaim Him Lord of all. As Jonah (being a Jew) preached to the Gentiles of Nineveh, so is he a type of all Jewry in the last days.

The Scripture saith, "May the bones that thou hast broken rejoice." If we go away from the Father's house, we may expect to be in want. Naomi went out full, but she said, "The Lord hath brought me home empty." The prodigal said one good thing about his home which was not made real to him before he left. It was a good confession. "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger." It had been some time since he had been home, yet he had confidence as to his father's financial standing. We always know that our God has enough. His granaries are full! Any child of God that will remain in God's house will be cared for. To stray away will mean want and sorrow.

"I am cast out of thy sight. Nevertheless I will look again toward thy holy temple." It was a good thing for Jonah that he knew to where to look. It is perhaps strange that Jonah knew the directions. He had no compass. But we know by God's Spirit that we can look to Him in His abiding place, regardless of where we may be. There was great blessing to those who would pray toward the temple. Reference is made to Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple and elsewhere. Jonah's prayer was prophetic. In his closing words he said, "I will pay that I have vowed." In the first place, Jonah must have had an inkling that he was going to get out from the iron bars, as it were. Our gracious God always tempers justice with mercy, otherwise one complete failure on our part would mean complete cutting off.

Jonah then uttered the remarkable words, "Salvation is of the Lord." God surely convinced him of it. From where else would and could salvation come? Salvation is of God through Christ. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. Salvation was of the Jews for it came through them and Him who was the seed of David. Jonah in his preaching to Nineveh referred to Israel being brought out of Egypt and up to the Red Sea. But still deliverance did not become complete. It was not enough to get out of the land, but there must be a dividing line. There was no song of deliverance until redemption by power was accomplished. Israel looked back and the Egyptians followed hard upon them. The Lord said, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." By him deliverance was attained and the enemy perished. How did Jonah get out of the fish? His time was almost ready to be released (as was Jesus in the tomb). The next thing was that God spoke to the fish. God opened the prison bars and Christ came out and "salvation" was complete.

The fish vomited Jonah upon dry land. How God spoke to the fish we do not know, but we do know God is certainly able to speak to any of His creation. The whale swam for the shore. A sickness was upon him because of the strange thing he had in his stomach. He could not digest Jonah, nor can the world digest a backslider for he is unhappy with God. Dry land always speaks of safety. Israel went through the sea as by dry land. The ark rested upon dry land and God dried the earth. Water typifies judgment also. Doubtless the first thing that Jonah said when he bounded out on dry land was, "Praise the Lord!"

He had no sooner landed than the word of the Lord spoke to him. "Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the SECOND TIME." How wonderful that God will speak more than once in order to get one of His children to obey. He speaks, not only once but several times, until we are left alone to try our own resources. God said of Ephraim, "Let him alone, he is joined to his idols." Woe unto any of us today when God says that about us. How true it is that we have idols even yet today.

The word of the Lord was the same as it was before he boarded the ship to escape. There was no change in the program, no softening of the tones. That command was, "Arise, go!" Where? "To Nineveh." God did not change His mind. Be assured, child of His, that where He says to work that is the place and nowhere else. Where you are called be sure that is the place you must labor if you will prosper in the ministry and be blessed. So to Nineveh, the wicked Gentile city, Jonah preached the preaching that God bade him. Jonah was not paid to talk. He was not a salaried preacher. We know too many preachers are just paid preachers, and what they preach is a governor of what they receive and from whom, as a rule. Too often we do not preach and teach with boldness for we fear the material payments for service. We fear to hurt those who have the material wherewithal and support the church. But it is better in

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Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

MORE THAN 20,000 SPANISH PEOPLE LOOKING THIS WAY

Reverend Paul H. Walker, Assistant General Overseer; Reverend J. B. Camp, overseer of New York; Reverend J. H. Ingram, Field Representative of Foreign Missions, and Reverend J. Stewart Brinsfield, a member of the Mission Board, met with the Executive Committee of the Assembly of Christian Churches, including Reverend Carlos Sepulveda, Field Supervisor, and Reverend Sabatera, chairman of the board in New York City, recently and discussed the possibilities of this group, composed of more than twenty thousand members, uniting with the Church of God. Reverend Sepulveda attended our General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, and was very much interested in the Church of God and arranged for the above said meeting.

The Assembly of Christian Churches is a group of Spanish-speaking people having churches in several of the states in the Union, in Puerto Rico and in Mexico. Reverend Ingram stayed over for commencement services in their Bible School in New York. Please pray that God will direct in this move as these people can be a great help to us in reaching Spanish-speaking people in other countries, and I am sure the fellowship of the Church of God will be very profitable for them. I can see no reason why we should not be united inasmuch as we all teach the same thing, all uphold a high standard of holiness, and enjoy the blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4.

NEWS FROM BRITAIN

REV. A. C. WILSON

For security reasons I cannot tell you the name of the town in which this incident occurred.

Last Good Friday I was disappointed in being unable to visit some friends in north England. I had appointed a speaker in my pulpit and all arrangements were made, but I was restrained from going away. So I went to the service in my church, and the memory of it thrills my soul today. I was sitting in the vestry some time before it was time to begin, when I heard the sound of many feet, and, at last, unable to contain my interest any longer, I opened the vestry door to see a sight that thrills the heart of every pastor, a church nearly filled with soldier boys.

The service soon began. The ministering brother spoke earnestly. God was present. Then a solemn breaking of bread. Good Friday, Calvary, the Christ, all were so real. Those men were gripped by the Spirit of God. Some of them said, "Thanks a lot." "We'll be back." "Enjoyed every minute of it." Then we were alone, wondering how it all came about.

A few days passed, and then we met one of the Church of God boys. He was there that night. Maybe he can tell us all about it. Yes, he knows! Listen to him. While passing through the camp the other day one of the unsaved fellows called out, "Hey, preacher, come here. Here's another fellow like you, always trying to get people to church." I am introduced and shake hands with another brother. "Where do you go for a service?" "What are they like?" and so on. He asked, "Have you got a place to go Good Friday?" Then I said, "Sure, the Full Gospel Church." He replied, "I'll be seeing you, and bring the boys." They came, they heard, and promised to come back; but they did not come. They were suddenly moved away.

Thank you, Church of God soldier. You gave me an opportunity to tell those lads of redeeming grace just before they stepped out into the unknown. It was your LIFE that counted, and I am sure that eternity will reveal what your testimony did just before D-Day.

(Brother Wilson is a Church of God Minister.—Mission Sec.)

NEW WORK IN MALABAR, SOUTH INDIA

One of our workers had started a new work in a small way at Kalpathi, near Palghat in the Malabar district, about 150 miles northwest of headquarters, and he has urged us to help in it. For some time we felt we could not take it up, for different reasons, but recently a revival started. Souls have been saved, the sick healed and a number delivered from demon-possession in the name of Jesus. Two, who were Roman Catholics, were baptized in water, the first fruits of that work.

Not long after this baptismal service another was baptized in water. Following is a quotation from a letter written by an evangelist who helped there: "Since coming to Palghat on the 23rd of May I have had blessed services for the Master in various ways, in one of which the Lord wonderfully guided. The brethren were in touch with a Hindu called Raman Pillai, whom I chanced to visit in his house. He was a merchant in the heart of the Palghat town, two miles away from Brother Vereghese's place. He came and spent last night with us, coming at 11:00 p. m., since he generally closes his store late.

"We spent the time with the Lord and His Book until 2:00 a. m., and before he went to sleep he said that he would tell us at 4:00 a. m. whether he was prepared for baptism. Very early this morning he rose and said, 'Jesus has been after me for the last twelve years, and this morning I will not go to the store till I have followed the Lord in water baptism.' So early at 8:30 a. m. we had another baptismal service in Kalpathi River, and he is now named Brother Abraham. Praise the Lord! His wife and her relatives are against him so please remember him and his family in your daily prayers."

At this station they have been meeting in a rented house as they had no other meeting place, but they were planning on putting up a small shed on another's property. Since we can see the Lord is leading in the opening up of this work, we feel encouraged and have been stirred to do something

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My husband to be healed.—Mrs. B. Irvine, Winchester, Ky.

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The healing of my body; my little girl to be healed, she has enlarged tonsils and adenoids.—Mrs. Jack Dodson, Tupelo, Ark.

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The Lord to completely heal me; my thirteen-year-old daughter to be healed.—Rosa Vaughn Osborne, Cawood, Ky.

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The healing of my eyes, they are very bad.—Mrs. George Hinger, Hamilton, Ohio.

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God to undertake for my husband's little niece who has an open safety pin in her stomach; my little four-year-old nephew to be healed of a broken arm; the healing of a little child's foot which is cut very badly; my husband's aunt who is very feeble with T. B. to be healed and saved; my husband; our pastor, his wife and family, his wife is weak in body; their daughter to be healed.—Sister Tomlinson, Rt. 2, Box 204, Climax, Ga.

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God to undertake for a very special request. — Pvt. Frank E. Howell, 38137056, Co. C, Postal Bn., Hotel Breslin, 29th St. and B'way, New York 1, N. Y.

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My father, E. E. Heaton, who has a very sore limb, to be healed. Encouragement appreciated.—Drew H. Marcus, Rt. 1, Demorest, Ga.

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My boy in Service overseas.—Mrs. Sam Staten, Rt. 1, Jasper, Fla.

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The Lord to completely heal my body.—A friend, Steeds, N. C.

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God to undertake for a special request.—Dorothy Reeder, Steeds, N. C.

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The Lord to heal my little two-year-old girl of cancer of the bone.—Mrs. Dorothy Crowe, Dudley, Mo.

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The healing of Mrs. Claude L. Swaggerty's feet; the healing of my daughter's face.—Mrs. Janett Rose, 4300 Fisher St., San Diego, Calif.

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The healing of my body; the healing of Mrs. J. T. Moss, she is very sick. —Mrs. Tom Stewart, 230 Crigler St., Charlotte, N. C.

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The healing of my youngest daughter, she is badly afflicted and I am afraid it is appendicitis.—Lucy Bradshaw, Titus, Ga.

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My son overseas.—Mrs. W. W. Walker, Brasstown, N. C.

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My sister who is in a bad condition to be saved and healed; my nephew in the Army.—Mrs. George Webb, Highlands, N. C.

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My wife and me to be healed.—Jack Woodall, Marshall, Tex.

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My husband to be saved and healed; me to be healed, I am in a serious condition with my head.—Ruby Lee Carter, Rt. 1, Box 51-A, Kentwood, La.

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My healing, I have been afflicted in body nine or ten years, my heart is so fast and I am so nervous; God to undertake for me.—Idelthia Halley.

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An elderly man in our community is dying with what doctors say is the worst of three kinds of cancer. Please pray for the saving of this man and his family.—Mrs. Iona Blakeley, Harrison, Idaho.

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A colored man who has been sick since June.—John Chandler, Rt. 2, Climax, Ga.

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Me to be healed of pellagra and other troubles; my son to be healed of bad lung trouble and cough.—Mrs. W. G. Cantrell, Rt. 5, Box 558, Jacksonville, Fla.

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God to heal a little boy in the hospital, it looks like he will die unless the Lord undertakes.—(No signature), Jewell Ridge, Va.

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My son in France, that the Lord will take care of him and protect him, I haven't heard from him since August 9; me.—Mrs. D. O. Lancaster, Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.

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Me to be healed, I have something like arthritis in my back and joints, I also have several other ailments.—T. L. Heaton, Box 325, Shannon, Ga.

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My brother in the Army; my mother. Please write my brother encouraging letters, his address is Pvt. Robert McGlothen, 20549120, Co. B, 225th L.T.B. Bn., Camp Blanding, Fla.—Lillie Mae McGlothen, Box 696, Chapmanville, W. Va.

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God to heal my little boy.—Katherine Stewart, Rt. 1, Bay Minette, Ala.

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My wife to be healed of several ailments; my complete healing.—Charles Garton, Alum Bridge, W. Va.

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Me and my little girl to be healed; my faith to be strengthened; my husband; my brother overseas.—Lorene Cowart, Fyffe, Ala.

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God to heal Albert Eldrich, of Michigan, who has been paralyzed for thirty years, he has to sit in a wheelchair.

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My complete healing; my two children to be healed—my daughter who has epileptic fits and my thirteen-year-old son who has lung and throat trouble. Encouragement appreciated. —Mrs. Frank Gallaher, Rt. 2, Waynesboro, Tenn.

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Our son, S|Sgt. Hiram L. Jenkins, who is reported missing in action since August 18 over Rumania; another son in China.—Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Jenkins, 1317 A, 175 St., Hammond, Ind.

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VELSKIN

We have at present about 50 gross of Velskin. This amount would provide one gross each for fifty churches. It is difficult to obtain because of paper ration on cartons and rationing of bottles. The 12-ounce bottle sells for $1.00 and costs churches 50c f. o. b. the Publishing House. This product has found a great welcome among war workers, garages and mills where a deep cleanser is needed. You can raise a great amount of needed ready cash for your church, missions, aged ministers, or whatever you need. Better order while we have it.

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Reports from the Field

The Northwest Camp Meeting and Convention

From June 26 through July 4, the Northwest camp meeting and convention again was held on the campgrounds at Minot, N. Dak. In spite of war-time conditions, large crowds gathered at each service to enjoy the blessings of God at this great feast.

Brother Earl P. Paulk, of Cleveland, Tennessee, was our camp meeting speaker. It is hard to describe how his anointed ministry blessed and thrilled our souls time after time. Surely his timely sermons will not soon be forgotten, and many a soul was uplifted and nourished on the Bread of Life under Brother Paulk's unusual ministry. Several times the Holy Spirit fell in showers of blessing and we were all made to "sit in heavenly places." Other visiting ministers and speakers were Brother M. L. Lowe, of Montana; Brother Anton Meyers, Brother M. G. McLuhan, Brother G. C. Pettyjohn, and Brother R. H. Klaudt, overseer of Wyoming. Our local Dakota pastors also brought us some good messages. The people responded at the altar each night, and some were saved and filled with the Spirit.

The music was in charge of Sister Berniece Brostrom and Brother Mervyn McLuhan. Special singers included a mixed quartet, male quartet, and many trios and duets, some of them being Brother and Sister Ed. Yecha, Brothers John and Mervyn McLuhan, Brother and Sister Ralph Brostrom, Sister June Becker and Hilder Peterson, Sister Lillian Savchenko, Brother Doyle Stanfield, the Klaudt family, Brother Harold Phillips, and many others. Truly we enjoyed this fine music, and many of the songs thrilled our hearts in praise to God.

The children had a service of their own each afternoon, conducted by Sister Vivian Bachman, and on Sunday afternoon gave a good program for the adults, singing the choruses they had learned and reciting scripture passages. We were impressed by the number of children who sang solos, even in the evening services. We believe the special efforts put forth for our children will bear much fruit in later years.

The Y.P.E. services were conducted each evening by Brother Glen Clark, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent. Different young people spoke and many special songs were rendered. The choir and orchestra were filled with young people at each service.

One of our most impressive services was the one dedicated to missions. How we were stirred as Brother Paulk told us the need, and we wept and shouted together as we gave of our finances. Our total offering was $4,701. This far exceeds anything we have ever given in the Dakotas, last year's offering being about $2,898.65. We also raised a liberal offering for the orphans and met all our convention expenses. Love offerings were given Brother Logsdon, our overseer, and Brother Paulk. We also gave a love gift to Brother Alvin Thompson and family, one of our fellow ministers who is ill and was unable to be with us.

A touching service was on the afternoon of July 4, which was dedicated to our soldiers and sailors. Brother James Reesor was in charge, and brought us a stirring message, which helped us to see the need of "fighting the good fight of faith." Many requests for prayer for loved ones were made known.

We also had Bible studies and early morning prayer services each morning, which we know were a blessing to all.

So this great camp meeting came to a close for another year, and we left the grounds feeling the presence of the Lord go with us, and greatly inspired to labor more for our dear Master, who made it possible for us to enjoy such a great salvation.—Mrs. Ralph Brostrom, clerk.

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Praise God for Victory

I count it a privilege to write a few lines to the Evangel and its many, many friends. I am indeed happy to report victory in Jesus. We have had some wonderful meetings since we came to Billings, Mont., last fall, for which we praise God who is worthy of all honor and praise. We had three revivals this last Assembly year, in which several received definite experiences with the Lord. Our Sunday School has more than doubled. The first quarter we were here we won the Sunday School banner and this last quarter we won the state Y.P.E. banner. We had a fine two-week Daily Vacation Bible School. We had fifty students enrolled and the average attendance was thirty-two. Sisters Agnes and Lois Beckman, of Three Forks, Mont., were the teachers. Brother Kisser also taught one class. A nice program was held at the closing of the school.

We praise God for all His many good blessings. Please remember us in prayer that our dear Lord may continue to bless the little work here in the Church of God at Billings, Montana.—Mrs. J. J. Kisser, 2914 5th Ave., S., Billings, Mont.

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Happy in the Lord

WOODLAWN, Va.—We are happy in the Lord here at Monarat. The Lord blessed in our Y.P.E. service July 16 in such a great way we cannot express it. We gave the Lord our program that night and He blessed wonderfully. Surely everyone was blessed, and, as for me, I can truthfully say I received a blessing that really did me good.

We are under the leadership of Sister Hazel Jennings, as president. She is surely a humble servant and is doing a good work. We are also thankful for our good, humble pastor and family, Brother D. K. Hinkley. He has surely done a good work here at Monarat. Pray for us that we will go on and continue to be happy in the Lord.—Mrs. Gleaves Sharp, correspondent clerk.

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Oh, How We Thank God for His Blessings

CASHIERS, N. C.—A few weeks ago we had a two and one-half weeks' revival here in Cashiers at the Church of God. The Lord did wonderfully bless. Brother Fred Allen, of Burnsville, N. C., was in charge of the revival. The blessed Holy Ghost took charge and the Word of God was preached so plain and straight that it was food to all the believers and condemned and convicted sinners and unbelievers. There were four saved, two sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, three added to the church and five baptized in water. The church was set in order June 14, 1944, with eight members, and the sixth day of August there were twelve members. Oh, how we do thank God for His blessings.

When I moved into this community

four years ago there was one woman who lived out on the back side of this community who was a member of the Church of God, and I was on the opposite side from her. Brother George Webb got into a home near her and started a revival in the home. I heard of it and went to service and invited Brother Webb to preach at my house, so he preached at my home for a while every Sunday. We began to inquire where we could get a place to hold a revival and the Lord pointed out to me an old storehouse, so I wrote a letter, rented the old storehouse and the revival started. The people began to believe and repent and get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We are still preaching in another storehouse and God's power is being manifested wonderfully. Brother George Webb pastored the rest of the Assembly year, and we were all well pleased with him. Also, we have about four more members to bring their transfers here, which will make sixteen members here. We are planning to start our church building in a very short time and hope to make it successfully.

We desire your prayers for the blessed work here. Also, there have been several healed here in our services and I request prayer of every one that I may stay healed of a stomach trouble. Pray for my unsaved children, four girls and two boys, especially my boy in Service, who has been in the Army twenty months. I am alone, a widow left with one twelve-year-old grandson. God called my husband home to Glory twelve years ago last February and I am more determined to press on than ever. I know my Redeemer liveth. Glory to God! I am at the fountain drinking. My soul is satisfied. Praise God for the blessed Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Pray much for the church and my family that God will keep and save us all.—Mrs. Sallie Kirk McCall, clerk.

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The Work at Lenoir City Has Been Blessed

LENOIR CITY, Tenn.—We thank the Lord for the good revival at the Church of God in Lenoir City that lasted two weeks. We were very fortunate to have our beloved state overseer, Brother J. D. Bright, to preach for us, with Brother Rolen Dunn and wife, who rendered such good music and singing. We just thank God for good people like them, who have their whole heart in the work of God and winning lost souls. We think Brother Bright is a wonderful man of God. The Lord surely anointed his messages in preaching the gospel in the old-time way. Each message was inspiring and soul-stirring. God was with us and His presence and power was in every service. Several were blessed and the whole church greatly revived.

We thank the Lord not only for the revival but also for the way He has been blessing the work here at Lenoir and the large number that were added to the church the past year. We thank God for the wonderful outpouring of His blessings at our Wednesday night prayer services. The power of God falls in our song service; messages are given by the Holy Ghost that have drawn the saints closer to God and a greater love for one another. We have large attendance at every service. Our pastor, Brother Newman, is a real man of God, preaching the gospel in its fulness under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. He and his good wife have made many friends since coming to Lenoir. They have their whole heart in the work for God and His cause; they are a great blessing in visiting the sick.

I wouldn't want to close without thanking God for His great healing power. I was in a very serious condition but the good saints of God and the pastor held on to God in my behalf until He answered and healed my body. I would like to tell the world that God still heals when we can trust Him. I have been trusting Him for a number of years and He never has failed me. We must not be discouraged if our answer doesn't come as soon as we pray, because it will come and we shall find that even the waiting was only the means of a greater blessing. I feel more determined to hold on to God now than ever before. I desire the prayers of all my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus that I will stay true to God and do His will at all times, and may He continue to bless our church here at Lenoir City, that it may rise and shine for the glory of God.—Mattie Amos, reporter.

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Dedicatorial Service at Dunfordtown, Va.

Dear Saints, I am very happy to report that the Church of God at Dunfordtown, Va., is growing and prospering in the Lord.

The church here was first started in an old garage, I believe, and the little band of people that loved God held on in prayer and supplication before God for a better place to serve Him in true holiness. By prayer and faith God undertook for those dear people.

Today they have a lovely building free of debt and dedicated holy to God. Brother W. T. Morefield and his faithful workers in the church secured a lot and built a nice large church. This year Brother C. H. Blankenship was appointed pastor and he and the dear people are doing a fine work. They did some reconstruction on the inside. The love of God is still in the hearts of these willing-to-work people.

There are nice Sunday School rooms in the basement, also upstairs. All departments of the church are thriving wonderfully in God. Here I want to hand a bouquet to Sister Blankenship who has always been a faithful worker for Jesus and for the blessing she has been to the church.

Since every department of the church has been working together and is wide awake in God, the church has paid out of debt, and Sunday, May 21, Brother W. E. Johnson, the beloved state overseer of Virginia, Brother V. W. Thomas, the faithful district overseer of the Bluefield, Va., district, and all who wished to attend the dedicatorial service at Dunfordtown, Va., were invited to come and see the mortgage go up in smoke. Rev. C. H. Blankenship, local pastor, gave his welcome address, but by the love of God those there already felt welcome. We regret that Brother W. T. Morefield, former pastor, could not get there to speak to us concerning the natural construction of the building. The dedicatorial sermon of the church and parsonage was wonderfully preached by Brother W. E. Johnson. The dedicatorial prayer was by Brother V. W. Thomas. Sermonettes by the visiting ministers, trios, duets, string music, and especially the presence and power of God, were all enjoyed by those present.

We didn't forget our boys and girls who are serving in the warfare of our nation. Let's pray more for them, because there are many who do not have Christian parents to pray for them. They need your prayers.

After the closing of the service a fine dinner was spread on tables outside of the church. You are welcome to the Church of God at Dunfordtown any time. Come and enjoy the presence of God with these good people. Don't forget to pray for the work here, and for me.—Miss Alice E. Kiser, War, W. Va.

REQUESTS

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My two sons in Service, one in the Navy somewhere in the Pacific and one in the Army who is in need of healing for his side; my home.—Vallie Rice.

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Mrs. Vicie Farmer to be saved and healed of T. B.—Maude Colley, Davenport, Va.

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The healing of my body, I have heart and liver trouble and am very ill.—H. D. Nicolls, 2810 Kinsey, Des Moines 17, Iowa.

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The healing of my husband who is in a bad condition.—Mrs. Edward Basham, Princeton, W. Va.

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My brother in Service.—Miss Fairy Mae Eller, Rabun Gap, Ga.

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The healing of my body; my brother in Service.—Mrs. C. W. Kendall, Natchez, Miss.

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My huband's health to be restored; a friend who has had stomach trouble for twenty-two years; my son overseas.—Mrs. J. A. Steele, Boonesville, Va.

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Little Joey Mathewson who has T. B. of the bone in his hip; me to be healed of high blood pressure.—H. V. Ekers, 1603 Prospect Place, Ashland, Ky.

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The healing of my head.—Sister John Wells, Callahan, Fla.

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My healing, I am ruptured and nervous and need encouragement; my husband. — Elizabeth Watkins, Wiscoal, Ky.

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A lady in the hospital.—Mrs. Ernest Hensley, St. Albans, W. Va.

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My brother overseas.—Mrs. Nathan Boswell, Box 46, Pigeon Creek, Ala.

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The healing of my brother, M|Sgt. Geo. B. Taylor, 34087003, 1551 Engn. Bn., H. & S. Co., c|o Regional Hospital, Ward B 13, Camp Swift, Texas.—Mrs. Stanford Smith, Demorest, Ga.

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My little eleven-year-old girl to be healed of appendicitis. Anointed cloths and encouragement appreciated.—Dock Smith, Melrose, N. Mex.

GOD SAID GO . . . BUT . . . !

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the sight of God to have no support at all and admit failure than to have it from the flesh and not of the Spirit.

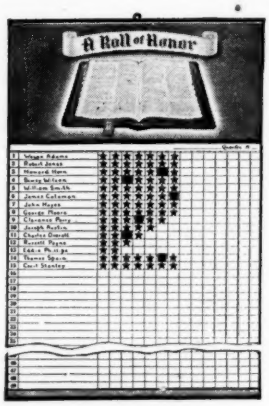
Jonah preached as God commanded. The city repented. But Jonah, even when seeing the work of the gospel, was angry because of the mercy shown. When we preach the gospel we must rejoice that souls are saved rather than regret their admittance unto eternal life because we despise their works and lives of wickedness.

Remember, brethren, when God says, "GO!" that is just exactly what He means. And there are no "buts" in the answer to such a call. May, in these critical hours, we see a real consecration of workers to do and go as God leads. Let none be guilty of having to be forced into the proper place of service, but rather call on God for leading and in joy and willingness submit to His GO!

No one is so hard to know as he who is two-faced.

Reports Victory

We are glad to report victory through our Lord Jesus at Yarbroughtown, Ga., Church of God. We praise Him for an old-time revival just closed. I believe it has been the best revival we have ever had. Brother Abney, of Rockmart, Ga., was in charge. The song service was directed by Brother and Sister Gibson and daughter and Sister Moore, of Rockmart. We had special singing. The attendance was good every night through the two weeks. Brother Abney did some wonderful preaching with many going to the altar. Sixteen were saved, twelve sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and seven added to the church. The old-time power surely fell. Brother Abney is a wonderful preacher and we pray God will give him many souls for his labor. We also praise God for our pastor, Brother Noah Roberson. We know he is a man of God and we pray God's blessing on him and his family wherever they go. —E. M. Atkins, clerk.



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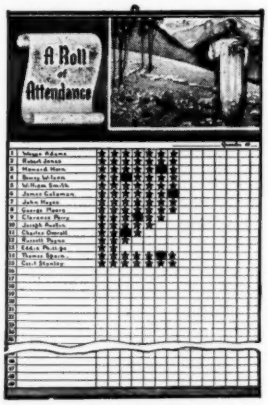

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MISSION PAGE

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for them. Then, too, a site was offered at a very reasonable price and since we need such a place for a building, we have purchased the site and are now making arrangements to put a chapel on it.

We have received a later letter from the worker in Kalpathi, which is encouraging. One day he and another worker went to see a Hindu living in a village five miles from Kalpathi. This man had become a Christian sixteen years ago. He was a very rich man of some position and backslid; because of the lack of true fellowship he turned to the beggarly elements of the world.

However, he had not lost his faith in Jesus Christ. Recently he got very sick, then he decided to live closer to Jesus, and bought a New Testament to read. As these workers came to see him he told them that he was just wondering why some pious people did not come to visit him, and he was so glad to see them. Then laying aside his business and other calls, he spent hours with them, entertained them and prayed with them. He also told them that they were welcome there at any time and he was ready to help them have a definite Christian work in that place.

Later one of the workers visited him again, when he said that he had a place where rice was stored, which is now free, and a worker can stay there with his family. This man has nearly seventy laborers of the poorer class of people under him. The name of the village is Thachanged. Much prayer is needed for the many villages where there are not even nominal Christians.

There is room for many missionaries here in our field to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love in this last hour. Who is ready to obey the call? We are praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers here soon, while the doors are open to the gospel.—Bertha N. Cook.

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The Lord Met With Us

August 13 we had an all-day service, with dinner on the ground, at Pine Ridge church. We had several speakers, but best of all the Lord met with us in a wonderful way. We had a sweet spirit and good fellowship with the saints of God. We took an offering for the church building fund, which amounted to $25. We plan to start on the new house soon. Pray for us that souls will be saved here.—Luther White, clerk; Jim Lick, pastor, Swink, Okla.

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